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which are matters to be dealt with in 1953–54 and not in 1952–53. I reliably understand that the Central Food Minister, Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai stated in a meeting of various . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" He is putting a definite question to the Hon. Minister, Sir."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" In a meeting of representatives of various State Governments, including the Madras Government, held for the purpose of fixing the price of sugarcane for the season 1952–53, the Madras Government have recommended Re. 1–2–0 per maund of sugarcane for the season 1952–53. This is what I understand. May I know whether this is a fact and why and on what basis the Madras Government recommended this price?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" This *Sisma* Formula is for the season 1952–53 and not for 1953–54."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The point raised by the hon. Member Sri Govinda Rao has not been answered. A direct question has been put to the Minister as to whether the Madras Government have recommended a price of Re. 1–2–0. It is a definite question. Let the Hon. Minister say ' yes ' or ' no '."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The price recommended to the Government of India by the Government of Madras is the price as worked out by the ' *Sisma* Formula.' This formula gives additional price over and above the minimum price."

Kanhirapuzha Hydro-Electric Project.

* 239 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of the Kanhirapuzha Hydro-Electric Project in Malabar;

(*b*) whether there are any other Hydro-Electric Projects in Malabar under active investigation by the Government; and

(*c*) whether the Government have investigated the possibility of turning the waters released from the turbines under these projects to the east instead of to the west so that they will be useful for irrigation purposes thus making the project more remunerative?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Kanhirapuzha Hydro-Electric Project in Ernad taluk, Malabar district, has not been taken up for investigation.

" (*b*) There are no other Hydro-Electric schemes under investigation in Malabar now.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the importance of this Project for irrigating both Malabar and Coimbatore, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take up this Project, at least for investigation? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There is a regular procedure for taking up any project even for investigation. There should be a survey and after survey if the Government are satisfied that it is fit for investigation, then it will be taken up."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" Is this in Ernad or Walluvanad taluk? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" It is in Ernad taluk, Sir."

Supply of books and forms to the panchayat boards.

* 240 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received to the effect that books and forms required by the panchayat boards are supplied after inordinate delay by Messrs. Hoe & Co.;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to avoid such delay; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of calling for tenders to supply books and forms to the numerous new panchayat boards separately for each district from reputed printing presses within the districts?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts who has been authorized in the agreement with the firm, to act on behalf of the purchasers, has been asked to see that the requirements of the panchayats are supplied promptly by the firm.

" (*c*) Government have considered the proposals and found them not acceptable."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know why they are not acceptable? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There are some difficulties in entrusting the work with the local press. Sometimes, forms may be changed slightly and there will not be uniformity. Moreover, accounts cannot be checked properly."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" May I know whether the forms and books supplied to the panchayats are printed in the regional languages, and if not, will the Government take steps to print them in the regional languages only? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I want fresh notice, Sir."